

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association**  
**Monthly Executive Board Meeting**

Official Minutes  
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024  
Zoom meeting 7:00 PM  
Main office: 231 Douglas Ave, Providence

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Mission Statement:**

*To ensure access to oral healthcare by remaining a strong and viable voice for protecting and promoting the public's health in Rhode Island.*

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Vision Statement:**

*Dental hygienists are recognized as essential primary care providers in delivering total comprehensive oral care by developing a collaborative partnership with the healthcare community.*

1. **Call to order:** 7:05 pm at by Ashley Soares
2. **Present:** Ashley Soares, Leah Maricle, Sarah Gilkenson, Chantel Janeiro, Kathy MacLeod, Taylor Guilmette, Karla Vandale, Cora Rocha
3. **Establish Quorum: Quorum is established**
  - 7 Voting members present
4. **Agenda:**
  - DH & DA Joint Advisory Board meeting
    - Wednesday, October 30th
      - CCRI is affirmed as accreditation
      - New look for accreditation will be 2034
      - Looking to do the expanded dental pathways
        - For DA and for the DH program
        - Through a grant that they will be getting, to make DH clinic larger
        - To help increase the amount of dental professionals
        - Dental Day on January 31 from 8-12:30pm for the high schoolers, planning to have 80-100 attendees, they will be changing the open enrollment to the Jan 31 that way they are able to sign up that day
        - They want to secure people for that day to speak to the hopeful DA or DH, more specifically like dentists
        - 18 graduates from 2024, currently 22 for seniors right now

- From strada funding they made a tutoring classes
  - New FT faculty member was hired, looking to hire a supervisor Dr for the spring
- Sunday, Nov 10th: OSHA & Infection Control
  - Sarah, would you like to go over the details from the class?
- Email that went out about them passing the new accreditation for international Dr's practicing Dental Hygiene
- Email received on Nov 5th:
  - "The American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates recently voted on and passed Resolutions 401, 413 and 514B, that aim to remove faculty-to-student ratios in dental hygiene programs and allow dental students and foreign trained dentists to practice dental hygiene in the United States, without passing a state licensing exam."
  - Follow up email was received on Nov 8th that was forward over to everyone about us creating a letter for our response as the reps for RI
  - Any thoughts on creating the letter?
    - Taylor to make a google doc to share so we can all put our thoughts on it, a week to look over it and by Monday Nov 18th to be sent out on Nov 19th
  - Would we be able to create a post to our community to show support as to what to do about these developments...
    - Suggested in a follow up email.... "When members ask what they can do, encourage them to open a dialogue with their employers about these developments and to ask questions. While we wish that all members were aware of all ADHA's initiatives, policies and news, we know that is unrealistic, and that is likely also the case with ADA members. These developments may be news to employers."

## 5. Reports

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - Membership: 54 members
  - Community Outreach: None
  - Legislative: None
- OFFICER REPORTS:
  - President: See agenda
  - Vice-president: None

- RIDHA TREASURER'S REPORT
  - OCTOBER 2024
  - Beginning Balance \$4,457.03
  - Deposits & Credits:
  - American Dental Payables: +\$78.05
  - Total Deposits: \$78.05
  - **Debit:**
  - Allthingstomentone charge:shipping charge for custom bags at annual: -\$115.00
  - Check #146: To Julie Galleshaw: -\$150 CEU
  - Check #147: Rental space for annual session: -\$2,607.00
  - Paypal xfer for CCRI hygiene student's donation: -\$50.00
  - Total Debit & Checks: \$2,922.00
  - End Balance Checking: \$1,613.08
  - End Balance Savings: \$15,271.25
  - Total Checking & Savings: \$16,884.33
  - Respectfully Submitted
  - Leah Maricle RIDHA Treasurer
  - Trustees:
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  - Secretary: not present
  - Acceptance of Officer Reports
    - Motion: Kathy MacLeod
    - Second: Ashley Soares

6. Additional Items:

- Upcoming Events:
  - January: 1 CEU event and create a giveaway
  - February: 1 CEU, combo online or in person
  - March: 1 CEU, combo online or in person
  - April: 1 CEU, combo online or in person
  - May:
  - June:
  - July:
  - August:Create Promos for Officer replacements...
  - September: Annual session
  - October:
  - November:
  - December:

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7. New Business:
  - Officers Dinner:
    - Ten: Friday 1/17/2025
  - Motion:Kathy MacLeod
  - Second: Leah
8. Announcements:
9. Communications:one None
10. Correspondence: None
11. Meeting adjourned: 7:23pm, Ashley Soares
  - Motion:Kathy MacLeod
  - Second: Ashley Soares

Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Guilmette

Addendum:

- OSHA & Infection Control
  - 43 registrants (21 members 22 nonmembers)
  - \$770 income
  - Survey going out this weekend and certificates to follow
  - Slight hiccup with the zoom link, recording is available for any that registered

Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Guilmette